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1. The firm of VEB Rheinmetall Soemmerda has two representatives in Berlin. The East Berlin representative is Werse (fnu) 1/, who has offices and living quarters at Schoenhauser Allee 49 in Prenzlauerberg. The West Berlin representative is Ziehn, A., who has his office at Kaiserdamm No. 7.
2. Trucks delivering goods from Soemmerda to Berlin occasionally make deliveries of office machines to the Schoenhauser Allee 49 address, ostensibly for export to the West. Other deliveries to Berlin were generally made to DEZ-Feinmechanik Optik. Occasionally a delivery of individual items of office machine equipment was made to USIG, Weissensee, Berliner Allee 107-110.
3. Approximately 40 to 50 percent of the production of pneumatic mining drills was shipped to Wismut AG. The remainder of this production was turned over to a German office in Berlin, the name and location of which is not known. From time to time shipments of pneumatic mining drills and drill heads were made by rail to the USSR. These shipments were usually packed six to eight pieces per wooden crate, and were accepted prior to the sealing of the cases by a Russian acceptance official who came to the plant. The Russian official is described as being about 32 or 35 years of age; about 1.75 meters tall; slender; very dark hair; an elongated face; he always appeared wearing a dark blue felt hat and dark blue overcoat. The Russian spoke broken German and usually employed an interpreter. He used a passenger car with Russian license plates driven by a German driver.

25X1A 1/ [REDACTED] Comment. The 1952 Berlin Telephone Directory lists a Gustav Werse, residing Berlin N 58, Schoenhauser Allee 49, telephone number 44-10-80.

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